Title: Need to enact legislation for categorization of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAJAIAH SIRICILLA (WARANGAL): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the dire need of categorisation of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh to provide justice to them.

In the true spirit of Constitution, in order to rationalise, regulate equitable distribution of resources among Scheduled Castes the Government of Andhra Pradesh passed an unanimous resolution on 10.1.2004 duly categorising the Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh into A, B, C, D groups and sent it to the Government of India for further action. All party delegation from Andhra Pradesh had called on all the leaders of political parties and apprised them on the necessity of sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes in to A, B, C, D groups. Through a notification on 16.11.2006 the Govt. of India constituted Justice (Retd.) Usha Mehra Commission to go into all aspects of categorisation of Scheduled Castes into A, B, C, D groups in Andhra Pradesh. Justice Usha Mehra Commission had recommended for an amendment of Article 341 in favour of Scheduled Castes categorisation into A, B, C, D on 1.5.2008.

In view of the unanimous resolution of Andrah Pradesh Legislative Assembly, unanimity of all political parties and on the strength of Justice Usha Mehra Commission's recommendation for an amendment of Article 341 in favour of categorisation, I request the Government, to initiate necessary steps to bring the bill in the Monsoon session of Parliament for categorization of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh into A,B, C, & D Groups.